

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3767
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BAGAOISAN, Celso, et al.)
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Serial No.: 10/806,952) Examiner: Diane D. Yabut
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Filed: March 22, 2004)
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For: AUTO-RETRACTION APPARATUS AND)
AND METHODS FOR SEALING A)
VASCULAR PUNCTURE)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION/RESTRICTION

Dear Sir/Madam:

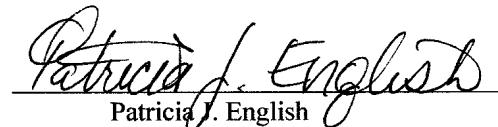
In response to the Office Action/Restriction Requirement mailed October 6, 2006, Applicants elect Group I and claims 1-10 readable thereon. With respect to the species restriction, Applicants elect Species 3 (FIGS. 12A-14B) of the sealing apparatus species, and Species 1 (FIGS. 18A-19C) of the auto-injector device species.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. BOX 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below via the USPTO EFS-Web filing system.

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